

***\$85,080 in federal funds will help local first responders protect our seniors***

Cherry Hill - Congressman John Adler today announced \$85,080 in federal grant funds for the Cherry Hill Fire Department. The grant is intended to reduce injury among vulnerable populations in the community.

"Our first responders work around the clock to keep our families, seniors and communities safe," Congressman Adler said. "These funds will help prevent fires and save money and lives. Cherry Hill deserves its fair share of federal resources for public safety."

The Cherry Hill Fire Department (CHFD) will use the funds to expand its community smoke alarm initiative. The community smoke alarm initiative allows the department to prevent fire by distributing fire safety equipment and conducting community outreach. CHFD plans to purchase and distribute 10-year, lithium-powered smoke alarms and 10 year lithium batteries to local senior citizens. Furthermore, CHFD will mail senior citizens to raise awareness about fire prevention.

"This funding will provide us with the ability to reach every senior citizen and ensure that they have working smoke detectors in their home," said Cherry Hill Fire Chief Robert Giorgio. "I am grateful for Congressman Adler's efforts to help our community secure these funds."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to implement fire safety and prevention programs.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He supported the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.